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New L.D.S. Institute

Announcement has been released by L. D. S. Commissioner of Education, Franklin L. West, of the appointment of George T. Boyd as Director of the new Church Institute near the University of California in Berkeley and located in the lovely Phoebe Hearst mansion at 2368 Le Conte Street.

The Institute will begin work at the opening of the fall term, September 23, or as soon thereafter as the program can be started. Two receptions are planned for the second week of the term, first, for students and second, for local church people.

Director Boyd states that a four-phase program is contemplated in the Institute: academic, guidance and counselling, social and recreational, and a worship program. No academic relations are possible with the University of California, but it is hoped to work in harmony with the authorities at the University in every particular.

An architect and a contractor have been engaged for remodeling part of the mansion, especially to provide separate living quarters for the Director and his family.

Director George T. Boyd was born in 1909 in St. David, Arizona. He attended the University of Arizona where he secured a Masters Degree. He is now working towards the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Religion at the U. S. C. Elder Boyd has two Missions to his credit: first, Spanish America Mission for two and a half years and one year in the California Mission, the latter being in 1932.

Brother Boyd has been connected with the Church Department of Education for seven years, having conducted Seminaries as follows: Phoenix, Arizona one year, 1940; four years, 1941-1945; and an Institute at the Arizona State College at Tempi, 1945-46.

Director Boyd's wife is Maurine Eyring Boyd, a sister to Roy Eyring of Claremont Ward. Their family consists of four children: Camille, seven; John David, five; George, four; Sterling, two.

This L. D. S. Institute at Berkeley fulfills the dreams of many of the local Mormon Colony for several years past and will be of great interest and benefit to all members of the Church in Northern California and in all regions from which students come to attend this greatest of all American Universities, the University of California. A bright and fruitful career is anticipated for the Institute from which will come, no doubt, many leaders of note in the Church and community. Futhermore, the Institute will serve as a center of religious information for many interested students not members of the Church, from all quarters of the globe as well as from all parts of America, since the University is distinguished for its international character.

Scouting

THREE FOURTHS L.D.S. BOYS ARE SCOUTS

Walter W. Head, former National President of the Boy Scouts of America, told Salt Lake reporters June 8 that three-fourths of the boys of the Latter-day Saints Church are members of the Boy Scout organization. He further stated that on the average one-half of the boys of eligible age from other groups are Scouts.

Mr. Head, who served as the president of the Boy Scouts for 20 years, enjoyed a brief visit with his friend, President George Albert Smith while in Salt Lake.

Berkeley Gamma Rho Chi Girls

Part of the group of Gamma Rho Chi girls who left September 4 to do baptism work in the Salt Lake Temple. Back row, left to right: Carolyn Johnson, Mary Watkinson, Dwana Erickson, Annette Call, Erma Cox, Geneve Brinton. Front row, left to right, Laura Summerhays, Betty June Johnson, co-advisor, and Joanne Hickman.

Other Gamma Rho Chi girls who left earlier are Gwen Sparks, Barbara Green, Gloria Soelberg Carter, Lucile Southgate Olsen, Rose Marie and Carol Dunham.

Alma Dean Feller is chaperone, and Irma Young, group advisor.

An Early High Council

Top row, left to right: Don C. Wood, Wm. J. Nielsen, Delbert F. Wright, Victor C. Lindlad, Ray H. Fisher, Nathan G. Tolman, Claude M. Dewsnup, O. Leslie Stone. Front row: C. C. Carr, John J. Kest, Grant Ellis, Don J. Allphin.

High Council Message

By R. Kendall Thomas

False Liberty and Indulgence

Of great interest to students and all L. D. S. of the Bay Region and particularly those attending the University of California is news that the stately Le Conte mansion recently acquired by the Church for the new L. D. S. Institute, will be in active operation this fall. This answers a long cherished need. Welcomed it is by all.

In contrast to these finer forces of progress and advancement looms a dangerous pattern of education which strikes at the foundation of all that is truly American. It would abandon restraint, nourish indulgence and flaunt a new banner of so-called "Freedom and Liberty." Rooted deeper than communism, it would destroy the very foundations upon which government, society and religion rest. It is Hell's forces en masse waging a last stand against the wisdom of the ages. From the office of the First Presidency comes warning that the Father of Lies "is working under such perfect disguise that many do not recognize either him or his methods. There is no crime he would not commit, no debauchery he would not set up, no plague he would not send, no heart he would not break, no life he would not take, no soul he would not destroy."

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RELIEF SOCIETY NOTES

Fall Planning Meeting will be held for all Ward and Branch officers of Relief Society September 17, at the Oakland Chapel, 12:30 p. m. Departments will be conducted for each branch of our program.

Annabelle Hart, our new Chorister, expects to visit the various organizations fostering music, as well as singing with us. Vera Mayhew is our new Literary Supervisor succeeding Irene Ranker. Sister Ranker is now first counselor in the presidency and Stake Educational Advisor. Miriam Ellsworth, former Education Advisor, is enjoying a few months rest with her new baby boy, Spencer.

Another season of Relief Society opens Tuesday, October 1. The educational program is being enriched by the addition of another lesson—"How to Plan, Cut and Sew One's Own Clothes." This course will be taught by competent instructors on Work Day. The opening lesson will begin our final year of the study of Church History, while the Social Science work will cover "The Family in the Gospel Plan." On Literary day we will

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Highways, Mortal and Immortal

From An Address by Dr. Emery Ranker At June Stake Conference

Living in Oakland Stake is a family which is an inspiration to visitors. It is a home which exemplifies the truth: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Here is stability in a world torn with divorce; here is unity for mutual welfare, love, kindness, fidelity, chastity, peace, cooperation, honesty, integrity, industry ,thrift. These things are beyond price; given of God to those who love Him, who live His Gospel, keep His commandments, and fulfill their covenants.

It was my privilege to visit in this home a short time ago. I found them planning a vacation trip over some of the fine highways of the nation. As they discussed their plans I was led to meditate how similar such highway journeys are to our life journeys through mortality.

For their auto journey they would have the motor tune-up, secure a supply of gas, check the tires, plan ahead for shelter and food, secure good maps. In like manner we all should be well equipped and prepared for our life journey through mortality.

This couple started on their auto journey by leaving home. So did we all leave our heavenly home to begin earth's mortal journey. They were well equipped for their auto journey. So this couple came into mortality well equipped with good bodies not weakened by coffee, tobacco, or drink; equipped with good minds, free agency, and they sought the truth and have lived it; equipped with spirits responsive to the will of God. They started on the auto journey well supplied with maps. So, also, they were enabled to start and to guide their earthly lives by divine maps, the Scriptures, containing the straight and narrow way, the full Gospel.

On their auto journey they know in advance where they are going, what they wish to see and to do on the journey. So in their mortal lives they know where they are going, their lives being chartered in terms of eternal values of truth. In the auto journey there are many road signs to direct aright, giving distances, warnings, traffic laws, speed limits, notices of side roads to be avoided, etc. Similarly on the highway through mortality are many road signs giving counsel, laws of the journey, warnings of pitfalls and dangerous places. These are found in the written records, in the guidance of the Spirit, in the counsel of the Priesthood—all proclaiming, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Many ignore these necessary road signs, or follow them for only a short time, or go upon side roads of inactivity, indifference, procrastination, criticism, and of sin. Many others follow these safe road signs and enjoy peace and a safe journey.

All journeys must come to an end, and this auto trip will bring them home again to the warm welcome of home folks and loved friends. So, too, the journey through life will end and we will return home to God whence we came there to present the record of our lives. As our record reads so will we be rewarded.

"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting;
The soul that rises with us, our life's star
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar;
Not in entire forgetfulness,
Nor yet in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God who is our home,
Earth fills her lap with pleasures of her own.

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The homely nurse does all she can
To make her foster child, her inmate man,
Forget the glories he has known,
And that imperial palace whence he came.

—Wordsworth

Richmond Ward Leaders

Left to right: W. C. Anderson, First Counselor; Bishop Arthur L. Hopkins; Albert Dietliken, Second Counselor (the Richmond Ward Bishopric, 1935-1940); Timothy Marley, Jr., Ward Clerk, and Claude M. Dewsnup, Chairman of Building Committee for erection of present Richmond Ward Chapel.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

The following form is for use hereafter by the members of the wards of the Oakland Stake of Zion in their budget acceptances. Included, as will be seen, in each member's budget is the sum of 50c for the year's subscription to the Messenger.

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Alameda Ward News

The opening social of Mutual in the form of a "Story Book Ball" was held Monday evening, September 9th. The unusually large crowd that attended were delighted with the orchestra, an outstanding floor show and decorations which carried out the theme of the evening. Invitations were personally delivered to each family in the Ward.

"Let's go to Mutual."

Lars Odell Christensen has been selected as chairman of the Stake Tabernacle Building Fund Committee in Alameda Ward.

Sterling Yeaman, Alameda's first and only missionary has arrived at his destination in the Argenitne mission. His reports show that he is very happy and enthusiastic in his work.

Gordon Christensen, popular basketball player, has been released from the Navy. He left this week for Provo, where he plans to study at the B. Y. U.

Mrs. Clark Gubler is expected home this week. She was called to Utah suddenly because of the death of a brother in Manti. Mrs. Gubler is a counselor in the Primary Association.

Christmas cards and wrapping paper will be available within a few days. Proceeds from the sales will add to the building fund.

Mrs. Howard Dunn was honored at a surprise stork shower given at the home of Mrs. Thys Winkel on August 22. Mrs. Francis Winkel was co-hostess. Thirty-four guests enjoyed the delightful evening.

Phyllis Maurine Binford of Elmhurst Ward and Gerald Arthur Christensen of Alameda Ward were married on the 25th of August at the Chapel of the Chimes in Berkeley by Bishop I. Ray Darton of Elmhurst Ward. A reception followed the ceremony at Norway Hall, Oakland. The couple left on the 26th for the Idaho Falls Temple where their marriage will be sealed for time and eternity.

Population Gain

Contra Costa County—A population increase of 148 per cent in Contra Costa County since 1940 is shown in a survey just completed by the Contra Costa County Development Association.

The following is a survey of the districts by years:

District	1940	1946
Martinez	10,419	16,000
Port Costa	454	500
Walnut Creek	7,100	17,121
Danville	1,775	2,389
Orinda	3,200	3,500
Lafayette	2,800	5,148
Moraga	500	500
Canyon	315	325
Concord	6,990	13,861
Pittsburg	11,713	16,000
El Cerrito	9,492	16,054
Antioch	6,569	11,000
Brentwood	3,237	2,700
San Pablo	4,643	23,860
Rodeo	3,401	8,860
Crockett	4,470	7,478
Clayton	431	368
Byron	1,486	1,200
Richmond	23,642	106,553
Port Chicago	1,683	3,000
Oakley	2,945	2,378
Totals	100,450	249,322

—Oakland Tribune, April, 1946

Marjorie Wood, Claremont Ward

Claremont Ward is sending another missionary into the field. This time it is Marjorie Wood. She has been called to the Northern States Mission, and will go into the mission home on October 7. She will be the sixth missionary to be sent out from Claremont Ward recently. The others are: Lois Blackham, Northern States; Clarence Dangerfield, Texas-Louisiana; Don Wood, Great Britain; Elsmer Kern, Swiss-Austrian; and Keith Gaisford, French Mission. President Hilton has told us that the quota of missionaries from each Stake and Ward is one per cent, making about 90 missionaries from Oakland Stake. There are 18 now in the field, or leaving soon from our Stake, and one third of that number are from Claremont Ward. A mission is truly one of the greatest opportunities and privileges of serving the Lord. May the youth of Oakland Stake welcome it as such and heed the call to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto the peoples of the world.

Everyone is invited to be at the Berkeley Ward Chapel on Friday night, September 20 at 8 p. m. to enjoy the spirit of a missionary testimonial and dance for Marjorie Wood.

Have Some Men Begun At the Wrong End to Understand the Universe?

"Science, to be **true**, must not be human but divine, and those who would search into the secrets of nature, must begin by searching into the mysteries of God, from whom it emanated. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things shall be added to you ,and this kingdom we are told is within us. Men have begun at the wrong end to work up to the unknowable through the external manifestations of its power by the aid of their own limited faculties of reason and observation, while they have failed to enlist in the quest the most powerful of all, an instinct (insight) directed by love for God and humanity"—Lawrence Oliphant in Scientific Religion, 1889.

Just for Fun

Morbus Sabbaticus, or Sunday sickness, is a disease peculiar to Church members. The symptoms vary, but these are characteristic:

1. It never interferes with appetite.
2. It never lasts more than 24 hours.
3. No physician is ever called.
4. It always proves fatal in the end—to the soul.
5. It is fearfully prevalent and is destroying thousands every year.

A Californian, arriving at the gate of Heaven asked for admittance.

"Where are you from?" inquired the genial saint.

"Los Angeles."

"Well, you may come in, but you won't like it."

Elmhurst Ward News

This is a time for greatness—Let us meet the challenge!

Each individual holds in his own hands, in a measure the Peace of the World. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you."

Ruskin said: Do you ask the companions of nobles? Make yourself noble and you shall be. If you ask to be called the "children of God," cultivate the divine gift of making peace and you shall be.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Matt. 5:9).

Autumn is such a restful season of the year, and in our Wards it is the season for gayety in our recreation and current studies.

September 10 our M.I.A. opened their season with a very unusual evening of a social program and dancing. The theme, "A Night in Hawaii" was carried out in a very glamorous manner.

A well-rounded program for the entire M. I. A. season has been planned. Special drama classes will be conducted by Fern Nelson and Painting by Mabel Jensen.

Officers for the Y. M. I. A. are President Truman Nethercott, Activity Councilor Howard J. Marsh, Manual Council Ross Wilson, Secretary Jerry Smith, Y. L. M. I. A. President Teresa Sims, Manual Councilor Ruth Nelson, and Sis. Pearl Sparks, Activity Councilor.

A basketball team has been organized, and practice has been going full steam ahead.

Our Fireside group has kept up a very fine enthusiasm all summer, the course of study being, "Preparation for Marriage." Visitors most welcome.

Elders Quorum has a reorganization drive underway for a higher percentage of activity. All members of the Quorum may expect a personal visit in the near future. The Quorum project of growing and canning tomatoes is nearing completion.

Primary Association will open their fall season on the 11th of September. Help your children grow for leadership through attendance at Primary.

Our Ward teaching has been reorganized into three districts with the following supervisors: Horace J. McFarlane, Warren Packer, and Robert Glissmayer.

UTAH PIONEER SONS INCREASE

The Sons of Utah Pioneers have set a 10,000 membership aim for July 24, 1947. Every descendant of a Utah pioneer must join the organization if the quota is to be reached. Any male over 18 whose progenitors came to Utah before May 10, 1869, the year the railroad reached Utah, or any person whose parents or grandparents were born here before that date is eligible for membership.

—Calif. Intermountain News

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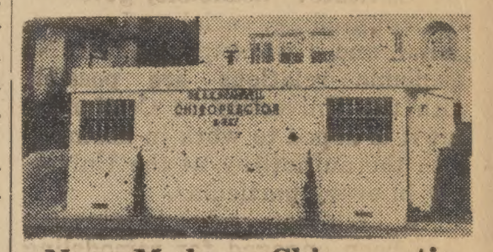

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Walnut Creek Branch News

Now we can say that our branch is on the upward trend! Steps toward starting a Relief Society began when the ladies of the Walnut Creek area met at the home of Sister Irene Ranker. President Ruth Hilton, Sister Cheek, Sister Perkins and Sister Rankins were in attendance to explain the work and inform us what will be expected of us. President Eugene Hilton, Bro. Rankin and Pres. Kenneth Jensen gave remarks and words of encouragement. The meeting ended with a social and refreshments.

Several parties have been enjoyed among our different class groups. Our regular monthly Ward party was square-dancing, supervised by Sis. Elsie Brown, after which refreshments were served. A double birthday party for the Second Intermediate class was held at Marsh Creek in honor of John Williams and Loretta Dalby. A barbeque party with dancing was held at the home of Emory Ranker for the Senior class.

Grant Osborne, recently released from the service, will leave soon for Utah to attend the B. Y. U.

Because of his high scholastic achievement, Emery Ranker, Jr., has been accepted at Stanford University.

Two more baptismals were performed this month. Barbara Kay and Sharon Rae Bates were baptized by their uncle, Edward D. Cullun of Vallejo.

Hayward Ward News

Young people of the Ward are busy preparing themselves for the fall term of school. Shirley Kirk, already an accomplished violinist and teacher, will grace the campus of San Jose State Teachers' College for her freshman year. She will major in music.

Stanley Stewart, who graduated from the University of California in Berkeley last February with his A. B. degree, finished his course for teaching credentials September 6th. He will continue at the University until January to receive his Masters degree. He is majoring in Political Science and U. S. history.

Desmond Stewart, Stanley's brother, begins night school under the Veterans Training Plan. He will work as apprentice carpenter. Desmond was recently made president of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association.

John Ray Truscott is attending school in Oakland, preparing to enter the field in Osteopathy.

Other young people who have not entered schools, but have determined plans for their immediate future, are Wayne Johns and Pratt Truscott, both of whom recently entered the Army Air Corps.

An all musical program, featuring hymns, anthems choral and instrumental duets, will be presented by the Hayward Ward Choir, for the Sunday evening service October 6th. Specially requested selections from their appearances during the past year will also be included.

Owners of the buillding being used as chapel, have informed the Bishopric facilities will be available for the Ward to continue meeting on Sundays instead of vacationing on September 1st, as they were previously advised. However, plans to carry on a mutual program must conform and every effort is being made to arrange a satisfactory agreement with the Sunday School Superintendency.

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News from the Southland

California Aluumni M-Men and Gleaner Girls held a gala annual reunion August 23 in Los Angeles. An alumnus is one who was active as an M-Man or Gleaner Girl ten or more years ago. Each one attending the banquet also received pictorial "Annual Alumni."

The six weeks Institute to help in interpreting Cultural Arts Manual of the M. I. A. for 1946-47 held for the Cultural Arts Directors of South Los Angeles, Inglewood and Long Beach Stakes swung along famously. Classes were held each Wednesdayy evening in music, dancing, speech arts, and the drama. Each Ward sent two delegates.

A recent report of the Deseret Industries in Southern California for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, shows a gain of 40 per cent over the preceeding year, from $26,605.00 to $38,289.00. A total of 44,928 man-hours of labor is shown for which $19,559 was paid to 62 individuals, mostly heads of families. Trucks of the Deseret Industries travelled 26,347 miles and picked up 2,371 tons of salvage material, of $7.22 value per pick-up; 75 per cent of pick-ups came from L. D. S. families, but 90 per cent of sales were to nonmembers.

Here's How One Ward Did It

A week of reunion festivities is being planned by Bishop George A. Baker and his Ward officers of Huntington Park Ward, Los Angeles, with many interesting events slated. The reunion will begin with a gay party for children under 12, September 4th at 3:30 p. m. and will finish in a blaze of glory at a gala Ball Tuesday evening September 10th.

All the children are invited to attend the event in their honor. They are promised a good time which will long be remembered. On Friday, the 6th of September, an outstanding musical program is scheduled, plus a banquet.

Sunday the 8th a spiritual reunion will be held and one of the General Authorities will be a special guest. The Salt Lake visitor will be principal speaker at the evening service.

The reunion is a budget affair and all members are cordially invited to enjoy each event. All auxiliary officers of the Ward are helping to carry out plans to make this the most talked-of reunion ever staged by the Ward.

—Calif. Intermt. News

Liahona Club News

The last meeting of the Liahona Club, the L.D.S. business mens' group, was held in the Dimond Ward Chapel. Interesting talks about their business were given by Joy Brisco and Movell Day. The speaker for the evening was Judge Victor Wagler. He spoke on "Crime in Oakland and in the Nation." Everyone was interested in his remarks, and many questions were asked and gladly answered.

The next meeting will be held September 23, Monday night.

The club will continue to have its meetings in the Wards. The dinners are given by the Wards striving to increase their building fund for new chapels.

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Pittsburg Ward News

"Our MGS" (M-Men, Gleaners, and Servicemen) of Pittsburg Ward have just completed a welfare project worth commendation. A crop of table beets was planted, cared for, harvested, and canned by this group. The total amount of cans obtained was 174. The true spirit of welfare work, that of love and cooperation, was at all times present, and, believe it or not, a great deal of fun accompanied the project.

Bishop J. H. Kirby has just returned from a business and pleasure trip to Utah parts. His main object was to recruit good Latterday Saints for the Ward and secondly to bring workers for Columbia Steel Company. From what Pittsburg has seen and heard about it, the trip was very successful.

A social in honor of returned servicemen was held August 24th at Marsh Creek Springs. Glee was rampant at this very successful gathering.

Brother and Sister Francis Mellor, Sr., have left Pittsburg for Salt Lake City where they will spend three months working in the Salt Lake Temple. They have been called to represent the Stake High Priests quorum of the Oakland Stake.

Roger Magleby, former Navy man, has very recently been called to fill a mission as a representative of this Church and of Pittsburg Ward. He is expected to leave shortly for the mission home and then to his field of labor. Roger makes the third member of Pittsburg Ward to be called upon a mission. Carvil Dansie and Ella Schofield were the first two.

The Sunday evening services of September 1 brought to our Ward Bishop Murdock of Napa Ward, who gave an inspiring talk upon genealogy.

Profanity and Gen. Washington

From Irvings, Life of Washington, we quote:

"The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice hitherto little known in our American Army is growing into fashion.

"He hopes that the officers will be examples as well as influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect that we can but little hope of the blessing of heaven on our Army, if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and dispises it.

—(Signed) General Washington

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The Powers of the Holy Priesthood

The American Press in February, 1944 carried this dispatch:

Honolulu, February 8, 1944 (By United Press).

Some folks say that the day of miracles has passed. Some people say that things such as this just don't happen, yet here's a story which will leave you breathless and wondering—for it concerns two inconspicious boys of the United States Marine Corps and the battle of the Marshall Islands.

The time was just before dawn when the great gray hulks which were battleships lay against the cool horizon of the blue Pacific. Aboard those ships, the boys were anxiously awaiting the first signal which would announce the start of the drive to take one of the greatest of Japanese bases, Kwajulane atoll. Nearer, inshore, yet other boats lay in the silence of the dawn—smaller boats conaining the United States Marines. Where the duties of the men aboard the big ships would require the rather remote but strenuous work of bombardment, it was the men of the smaller boats inshore who must wade through the final stretch of water and brave the withering fire of murderous Japanese machine guns. Slowly the minutes ticked by into what seemed hours. Actually the time was twenty minutes to six, when the final word came. From over the horizon tons of shells began pouring into Jap positions from the big ships off-shore and it seemed that hell broke loose, for the Kwajulane began to heave and surge with a convulsive shake of death. A star-flare lit the sky and the smaller boats began pouring out the men who were destined to take the island. From far above, barely audible at first, then building into a roaring crescendo, allied dive bombers dove toward that small patch of the earth, its bombs bearing great holes in the ground and blowing adjacent buildings to bits. And slowly toward the shore the men of the United States Marines edged closer and closer. In a moment they would be sighted by the Japanese. In a moment bullets would begin splattering around them from pillboxes skillfully hidden on the beach. But on they came and soon the battle was joined by the men whose glory is destined to be written in the pages of history. The splatter of machine guns soon lay a death pattern on the men wading toward the shore. Here and there they went down, some wounded, some dead—and it is about two of these wounded that we speak at the moment. The battle went on and the men of the Marine Corps—despite wounds and death of their comrades—went on.

Being a war correspondent, my boat was going in behind the first line of men, and we came upon the two, wounded Marines in the water. One, from the stain of red around him, we could tell was wounded badly; the other, wounded, too, was holding the other man's head above water. We picked them up, amidst a hail of shots from ashore, then pulled back toward safer territory to render first aid. The one seemed too far gone to need much help, but the other refused aid until his wounded buddy was attended to. But our help seemed insufficient as we soon realized and we announced our decision to the comrade. Then it happened.

This young man, the better of the two, browned by the tropical sun, clean as a shark's tooth in the South Seas, slowly got to his knees. His one arm was nearly gone, but with the other he lifted the head of his unconscious pal into his lap, placed his good hand on the others pale brow, and uttered what to us seemed to be incredible words—words which to this moment are emblazoned in unforgetable letters across the doorway of my memory: "In the Name of Jesus Christ, and by the virtue of the Holy Priesthood which I hold, I command you to remain alive until the necessary help can be obtained to secure the preservation of your life."

Today the three of us are in Honolulu and he is still alive. In fact we walked down the beach together today. He is the wonder of the medical unit, for—they say—he should be dead. Why he isn't, they don't know, but we do, for we were there, off the shores of Kwajulane.

Editor's Note: Does anybody wonder what Priesthood wrought this modern miracle?

Oakland Ward News

Tuesday will be a busy day from now on. The Relief Society, the Primary and the Mutual will meet on that day.

Congratulations are due the Relief Society for their fine display of new clothing, bedding, layettes, etc., which was exhibited Sunday, September 1, at the church. Its purpose was to familiarize Ward members with the Welfare Budget Project of 1946. The first regular weekly meeting of the Society will be held October 1st.

The Primary will hold weekly meetings on Tuesday instead of Sunday, beginning September 17. All children of Primary age are urged to attend.

The M. I. A. is starting fall and winter classes September 17th. A splendid program has been planned. Young and old are invited. "Let's go to Mutual."

Bro. and Sis. Clinton Gilmore and family are moving to Sacramento. Brother Gillmore has been offered a new position by the Wilshire Oil Company of California.

Robert Rice has recently returned from the Army and Germany where he was stationed. He will now enter college.

Cecil Bingham returned from the Army several weeks ago after three and a half years of service. He is now employed by Adthur Murray's Dancing Studio where he is an instructor.

Lieut. Kimball Lofgren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Lofgren, was married to Norma Hoersting in the Little Church Around the Corner in New York, August 3rd. His wife is a graduate of the University of N. Y. Kimball is continuing school in Foreign Service in Washington, D. C. The young couple will come to Salt Lake City to have their marriage solemnized in the Temple, after his completion of school in December.

Donna Corbin was married to Robert E. Weir at the Little Chapel of the Flowers on August 2nd. Brother Weir became a member of our church Sunday, September 1.

Joyce Kingsford was married to James Russell Storrs at the Chapel of the Chimes on August 9th. Brother Storrs is still serving in the U. S. Navy. The young couple expect to go to the Temple in the near future.

Corning Branch News

Northern California Mission

Don A. Peterson of The Shasta District Presidency spoke at the Sacrament meeting on August 25. If his speech sets a precedent we're due for some very interesting sermons this fall and winter.

The Mormons love to get together both in meetings and festivities. A farewell party was held for Elder Reuben Davis the evening of the 20th and a surprise birthday party for President Don A. Woodward on the 27th.

—Glenna Poole

"Choose Your Rut"

A man was traveling along a paved highway one time in Nebraska. Finally the pavement ended and ahead stretched a dirt road in poor condition as far as the eye could see over the level prairie to the horizon. Where the worn dirt road began there stood a sign which read: "Choose your rut now for you'll be in it for the next twenty miles".

So with youth facing the road of life with its deep ruts of bad habits, "Choose your habits wisely O young man and woman, for you'll be in them for at least three score years".

Berkeley Ward News

Robert Charles Powell, a resident of Berkeley for the last 30 years, passed away September 2. He was born 89 years ago in Southhampton, England, where he was converted to the Church. He was one of the interior decorators and painters of the Salt Lake Temple. His funeral was held Thursday, September 5th in the Berkeley Ward Chapel.

Relief Society will start its season October 1st. President Thelma Merrill is happy to report that the Welfare Budget has all been finished.

M. I. A. will start September 17. We'll be sorry to lose Dick Owens who will be the new Sunday School Superintendent; also Frank Laycock, who is to be the new Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Chico, Chico, Calif.

Gamma-Rho-Chi Girls left Wednesday, September 4th for an excursion to the Salt Lake Temple. They were accompanied by Alma Dean Feller and Betty June Johnson. Some will remain in Utah to attend the B. Y. U.

Donna Drage and Laura Summerhays will attend the University of Utah, while Marilyn Harmon, Erma Coy, Carolyn Johnson, Carol Dunham, Gwen Sparks, Barbara Green and Donna Erickson will attend the Brigham Young University at Provo. Berkeley Ward is not going to be the same without these charming misses.

Mary Lou Coombs and Ensign Richard D. Harlene were married in the Salt Lake Temple, Friday, August 23, 1946. Both are returning to the University of Utah this Fall. Mary Lou is the first woman to have ever received an electrical engineering award from the University of California; she will take out her degree in June. Richard will be working on his Doctor's (Ph. D.) in Chemical Engineering.

Carol Nelson and W. Hugh Kennington were married in the Idaho Falls Temple on Wednesday, September 4th. They are spending their honeymoon at Grey's Lake in Idaho. The young couple will be attending the University of California this fall, where Carol will graduate in chemistry in February.

Lewis Allen, recently discharged from the Marine Corps, has been visiting his parents in El Cerrito. He is returning to the University of Utah.

"Mother" Patton was given a gorgeous bouquet of amaryllis lillies by Bro. Ball September 1st in East Meeting in appreciation for four years of unfailing service as hostess to the Sunday Suppers which have been held every Sunday, with an attendance of from four to 200 servicemen.

The Service Men's study group had a grand time on their watermelon bust and making some "yummee" fudge last Sunday, September 1.

Mrs. Molly Haight of Logan, Utah, has been visiting with her daughter of Oakland and with Mr. and Mrs. Patton.

Mrs. Hazel Driggs of Van Nuys, California has been visiting with her father and Mr. and Mrs. Layton Lloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston J. Lloyd of Los Angeles have been visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lloyd.

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High Council Message

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One of the disguises of the Father of Lies may be called the Liberty of indifference—indifference to truth—indifference to morality—indifference to justice and social good, the alleged right of the individual to say, do, or think whatsoever he pleases. This is based on the assumption that there is no absolute standard of right and wrong. We look to education and find it indoctrinating even the young with the principle that all discipline is a restriction on the individual's right of "self-expression."

Welcome then, the power and influence of learning in harmony with the laws and teachings of God. Welcome the Latter-day Saint Institute of Religion to Berkeley. We of the Church must combat all sinister forms of evil because "judgment must begin at the House of God; and if it first begins at us—what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly appear?"

Those who prove faithful to the end have glorious promises. The Master has said: "I am bound when ye do what I say." God never deals in stinted terms. We know of a surety that He does "open the windows of heaven." We bear witness of His "hidden treasurer." There is no room for a philosophy of indiffernce in His plan of salvation. He deals in perfection, not indulgence, and, being perfect, has patterned man in His image with the charge that "much is expected."

The challenge to strive for eventful perfection implies that new Gods are in the making even now. Were it not so, what meaning and purpose attaches to the words uttered by the Master on the Mount, "Be ye therefore perfect," when he taught them saying,, "I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for thew which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven . . . Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." This, then, is the L. D. S. goal of all education and of life itself. It is the very opposite of the false philosophy of indulgence.

Stake Primary News

In the recent drive for clothing to be sent overseas to the needy saints in Europe, the Primary children, officers and teachers of the Stake contributed 2,386 articles of children's and babies' clothing and shoes which have been sorted, packed and turned in to the Welfare House from where it is to be shipped overseas. The clothing, bedding, etc., was very nice and the Primary wishes to thank all who helped.

In addition to the children's clothes there were 15 boxes of adult clothing and shoes which were turned over to the Relief Society for distribution.

Harvest Festivals and homecomings are now being held throughout the Stake as the summer season draws to a close.

All Wards are looking forward to the October Convention, October 18, when General Board members will be here to meet with and instruct the officers and teachers of the Stake Primaries.

400 Missionaries Sail from San Francisco

Largest mass movement of mission personnel in foreign mission history took place August 28, when 400 Christian missionaries sailed from San Francisco to fields in China and the Philippines.

The 400 represent the vanguard of approximately 8000 Protestant missionaries who will return to foreign posts in East Asia and the Pacific Islands as soon as possible.

First of the "missionary ships" will be the Marine Lynx, which will be followed by a second ship in September and a third some weeks later, to accommodate 600 to 700 additional missionaries for whom there is no room at the present, conference authorities said.

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Maxwell Park News Ward News

The scene: home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jensen at Salt Lake City; the date: August 17; guests: Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Rulon Folkman; occasion: reunion of old friends and former co-workers in our M. I. A.

Two years ago Bessie Jensen was President of the Y.L.M.I.A. and Wendell Martin was Superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A. Barbara Martin and Nana Folkman served as Counselors to Sister Jensen while Rulon Folkman was Y.M.M.I.A. Secretary and Lewis Jensen was the Special Interest group teacher.

It was a lovely dinner party followed by dancing at Saltair.

We have a new and very fine Sunday School Superintendency, Rodney Pocock, Superintendent, with Grant Hawkins and William B. Everett as Counselors. and Mervin Spencer as Secretary.

The M. I. A. plans its gala opening social for Tuesday, September 10, and hope all Ward members from 12 to 112 years of age will come and join the festivities.

The Relief Society plan their opening social for Tuesday, September 24th, at 1:30 p. m. A most cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies of the Ward to join the fun and become better acquainted.

Following a sucecssful summer activity program the Primary officers entertained the children at a festive autumn social on September 3, marking the end of the summer program and the beginning of the more serious winter work. All children in the Ward of Primary age are urged to be there every Tuesday at 3:30 p. m.

Popular L. D. S. Insurance Brokerage Business in S. F.

Established in 1928 by Harold L. Jensen, nursed through the depression years and through its own teething period with tons of hard work, this elder's general insurance brokerage business is today one of the best known insurance ventures in Northern California.

Giving the laurels to his mother and his good wife La Priel for their love and sacrifice, Brother Jensen still lists four keys to business success: a thorough knowledge of your business, hard work, the finances to carry on, and proper management. In the latter, Harold R. has always "everlasting-ly serviced" all details, especially claims.

I asked Elder Jensen about coming to California. He missed being a native son by six weeks (born in Colorado) but has hugged the boundaries of San Francisco ever since, insomuch that it took the united 1906 earthquake and fire (burning his home to ashes) to get him over the bay to reside in Oakland. And even then, in six months he had bounced back to the old familiar Frisco "fog and wind." Rugged Harold R!

What San Francisco Stake would have done in case the Jensen family had never been found and converted by those Mormon elders in 1904 is a lively question. He is a High Councilor, Group Leader in the Sunset Ward, Stake Employment Director for over 10 years, and a most diligent, devoted, kindly brother to every soul he touches, Mormon, Jew or Gentile. If you've never been entertained in their home by La Priel (she a former lady missionary in S. F.) and Harold and their four wholesome children, you've missed a real treat—a treat, by the way, which scores of servicemen have thoroughly enjoyed all these war years.

"Do you believe in Darwinian theory?"

"Yes, I am inclined even to go further than Darwin did and believe that some members of our species have started on the return journey."

Tests of Witnesses To Truth

"Consistency is also almost as important a test (of evidence) as is the witness's character for veracity. If all the details of a man's story are consistent with each other, and consistent to the most minute detail, with he stories of several other men . . . he is probably telling the truth . . . so hard is it for even the most ingenious brain to evolve fictions that will fit in at every point with realitites."

"Associated sometimes with the question of the witness's honesty, sometimes with that of his mental dependability, is a valuable supplementary test, the definiteness or vagueness of his account. The excess of hazy generalities in Dr. Cook's lectures on his polar journey first awakened public suspicion . . . If, however, the witness's details are such that an enemy could disprove them were they false, the mere fact that he dares to offer them is evidence of his truthfulness. Every definite statement then becomes a test; and he is voluntarily meeting as many tests as possible." — Facts, Thoughts and Imagination, Yale University.

Young Latter-day Saints, apply these rigid "tests of witnesses" to truth to Joseph Smith and to the Eleven Witnesses to the Book of Mormon. After this has been done thoroughly cannot one stand as on a tower and declare to all men with joy and fervor that this great Latter-day work and its first great Prophet do truly pass all valid "tests of witnesses" for Truth; and that the world will be wise to hear, believe and take that Truth to its heart of hearts as a daily, yearly, hourly guide?

Sacramento Stake News

Stake Conference was held in the Sacramento Stake, under the direction of the Presiding Bishopric, on September 14th and 15th. A large crowd was in attendance to receive the inspiration and spiritual uplift and hear the word of the Lord as given by the general authorities.

A farewell party was recently given for Ross Burnside of the Homestead Ward, who will leave this month to fulfill a mission in Canada. Ross spent several years during the war in the service of his country. The good wishes of the entire Stake membershipp go with him. He is the first missionary to leave on a foreign mission from this district since before the war.

As September is 'back to school' month, we are saying goodbye to several of our young people who are leaving us to attend college in different parts of the west. Among them are: Norma and Wilfred Fisher, who will attend the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah; Barbara Carter, who plans to attend the University of Utah at Salt Lake City; Clara Wiliams and Norma Tobler, who will also attend the B. Y. U.; and Lavon Peterson and Joyce Ketcheside, who will get their "higher education" at San Jose State.

The Mutual Improvement Associations of the Stake commenced with a great deal of enthusiasm and pep on the evening of September 10th. The M. I. A. have a full program planned for the year and are looking forward to a wonderful season now that our M-Men are back again.

Martinez Ward News Ward News

Activity is humming as everyone prepares to become very active in school work and Mutual. School requires plenty of work and study, but a healthy mind must have entertainment and recreation, things which Mutual will provide this year in quantity.

Also in the class of good news is the breaking of ground for the Welfare building in our Ward. Physical labor has begun and anyone wishing to participate in the good work please contact either Grant Shaw or Bishop McIntire.

The Relief Society has served some mighty fine feeds to the working men. They're in there pitching, too.

The Relief Society also announces their officers for this year. Sister McIntire, President; Sister Markham, 1st Counselor; Sister Facer, 2nd Counselor; and Sister Bertha Cook, Secretary.

Sister Markham will conduct the theology lessons and Sister Ella M. Carlston the Literature lessons; Marie Barber will handle the Social Science while Ratchel Starr will be the Sewing Supervisor at work and business meetings. This month previews of the lessons for the year will be given. The Work and Business meetings this summer have been very successful.

The Boy Scouts of the Ward are preparing to open the season with a bang and lots of study. The Ward hopes to boast of its own troop in the not-too-distant future; it can already boast of very fine, clean-cut material for a troop.

We are proud to welcome the two Carlston children and young Bussby and his mother, Sister Crossman, and Brother Cameron into the church as well as into the Ward. They were baptized on the 31st of August.

Something new has been added. It's a boy, to Netta and Maryle Skidmore. Congratulations.

Relief Society Notes

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study "Our American Indians in Literature."

We hope to have competent nursery help in every Ward, making it possible for all our young mothers, as well as the older ones, to take advantage of this outstanding program.

Work meeting is always highlighted by welfare work and now that our new course in sewing has been added, each woman will find this day full of interest. The Work Days of the past seven months in our Stake have produced the '46 sewing budget for Welfare. Hilda E. Perkins, Stake Work Director, reports that it is all complete. "I'm delighted beyond words," says Sister Perkins, "with the fine work—knitting, crocheting, seaming, etc., of our faithful sisters, who with the assistance of Ward Welfare Committees have made possible the assembling of this assignment of: 380 handkerchiefs, 78 dresses, 114 pajamas, 78 slips, 247 coveralls, 114 layettes (complete), 57 pillow cases, 57 pairs of mittens, 28 38 skirts, 22 quilts, 78 aprons and 114 dishtowels.

There are now seventeen Relief Society organizations in Oakland Stake, the newest being in the Walnut Creek Branch with Emma Amtoft, president.

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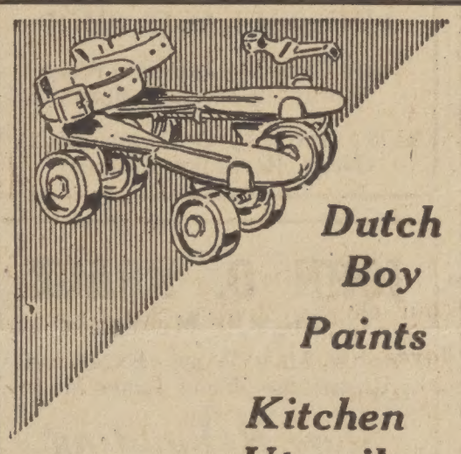

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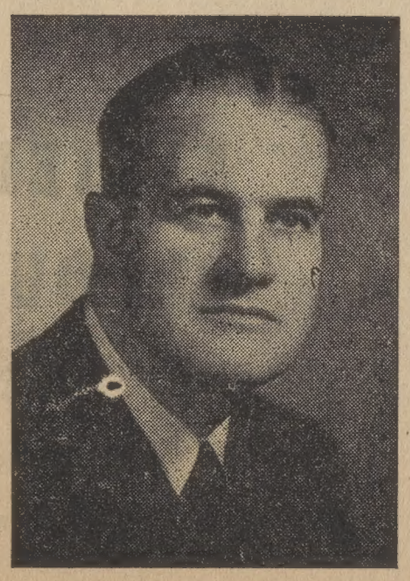

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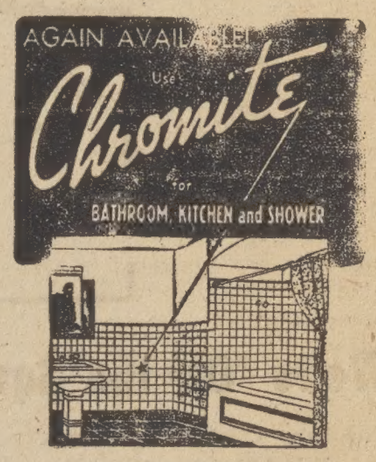

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E. Richmond Ward News

The Fireside group gave the fourth of a series of parties Tuesday, August 20. A group came over from the San Francisco (Hayes Stree) Ward. The program consisted of: quartet, by Hank Pardini, Wayne Wright, Dale Hawkins, Sherman Fitzgerald; solo, Sherman Fitzgerald; reading, Blanch Davis, with Laura Thomas, accompanying; dance by Joyce Stranger of Richmond Ward, and a reading by our own Jean Maughn. Brother Ellis Demars was Master of Ceremonies.

The closing party given by the Fireside group September 3 consisted of a semi-formal dance and a pantomime, The Lamp Went Out. The cast: heroine, Olive Anson; hero, Bert Leavitt; mother, Emma Nelson; villain, Gordon Beckstead. This series of parties have been a wonderful inspiration, and were enjoyed by all who attended.

The Primary closed their summer season's work by giving the operetta, "Little Black Sambo". It was a huge success and great credit is to be given to Sister Patricia Umberger and her officers. The children were clever and well-trained in their parts, and enjoyed themselves very much. The Amusement Hall was packed with mothers, fathers and friends. We were honored to have Sister Annetta Wood and some of her Stake Board members present.

The Mutuals of the Ward have been re-organized for the coming season's work. The new officers are: Young Ladies' President, Thelma Giovanini; Counselors, Jeanette Demars and Jean Maughn. Young Mens' President, Gordon Beckstead; Counsellors, Gordon Maughn and Glen Myler. The Mutual season opened with a semi-formal reception on September 10.

That's What Proper Nutrition Does for One

Sister Vina Holdaway reports a visit to Salt Lake City in June and conversation with Sister Leah Widtsoe, the author of "How to Stay Well," published by the Deseret Book Store. Mrs. Holdaway asked Mrs. Widtsoe how she was feeling and she replied "I am seventy-two and I feel as young as if I were seventeen. That's what proper nutrition does for one."

This book of Sister Widtsoe's is a "must" for all those who believe in proper nutrition; there is no health unless one eats the proper foods. Sister Holdaway herself is an example as to what proper nutrition does. While still a babe in her mother's arms, she suffered from rheumatism and yet she is a healthy person today, looking much less than her seventy-one years, due to the fact that she follows a strict and natural diet and observes the rules necessary to maintain health, vigor and youth, into old age.

The book "How to Stay Well" may be secured at any chapel booktable in Oakland Stake. It really implements the Word of Wisdom.

Wm. C. Carr to Teach at B. Y. U.

Over five years ago there came to Berkeley to enter the U. C., a smiling brotherly man from St. George, Utah, where he had been teaching in a church seminary. He was William C. Carr. Now he goes back to Utah to teach in the great B.Y.U., his alma mater to whom he came from New Zealand, his homeland. His dream has come true: he is a professor of political science and history, and in another term will come back to Berkeley to receive his degree, Doctor of Philosophy.

Naomi Cottam Carr stayed in Utah for a year after "Bill" came to the U. C. She stayed to teach in the seminary at St. George so that the family might have the where-with-all while "Dad" was at school. Then she came to Berkeley, and in various ways they made further University study possible. Meanwhile she bore two lovely children and raised to five their fine young family of two boys and two girls, oldest ten, youngest one.

Both William and Naomi have been as near 100 per cent LDS as any one we know, as sweet and wholesome a family as one could hope to meet. Each has tought in S. S. and various other organizations in Berkeley Ward, and Will is now serving as a Stake Missionary. He had already filled one regular mission in New Zealand before coming to Utah.

Brother Carr's thesis, now being written, deals with the struggle to obtain statehood in Utah.

HUGH BROWN VISITS HERE

Hugh Brown, who recently returned from Europe, has been visiting this area to review the service men's program of the church. On Sunday, August 31, he held a meeting in Oakland at which time he reported that he was favorably impressed with the results of the Service Men's Home. Others who attended the special meeting were A. Aird Macdonald, President Hilton, President Barton of San Francisco Stake, Bishop Thys Winkel, and Kendall Thomas.

Napa Ward News

Baptisms

Once again Oak Park Lake was the scene of baptismal services on Fast Day, three children and one adult being added to our number. The importance of living our religion as a means of converting our neighbors and friends was emphasized by Bro. Whaley who bore testimony to the fact that association with his neighbor, Bishop Murdock and family, had convinced him of the truth of our religion.

Genealogical

Sunday, August 25, an interesting playlet was presented under the direction of Bro. Edward Brueton and his aides, Sister Pitcher and Sister Peterson, (the latter being author and director) emphasizing the importance of genealogy work. A most impressive lesson in this phase of our work was given to a good sized audience. We understand that several requests for this playlet have been made by other wards. Bro. Evans of the High Council was in attendance.

Primary

The drive for clothing for the needy ones of Europe was very successful and the officers are to be commended for their efforts.

Sunday School

This organization points the need for a new chapel to care more adequately for the increasing attendance. An attractive box to receive donations to this end has been placed in the hallway and the superintendency are encouraging the young members of the ward to forego the pleasure of a candy bar or a show and put the saving in this box. An encouraging start has been made.

Relief Society

The new presidency, Catherine Woolley, and her aides, Helen B. Murdock and Madge Olive, are all set for a strenuous and successful season's work.

Welfare

PRUNES, PRUNES and more PRUNES. The usual program of a lowed, there being in excess of fifty workers ranging in age from two Labor Day prune harvest was fol- to seventy years. As a result 175 boxes (approximately a half ton) were harvested and are now in trays drying out. The former difficulty of "dipping" has been solved by the installation of a steam boiler and dipper on the grounds, effecting a considerable saving in time and expense. The installation was done under the direction of the owners of THE HARDWARE CENTER (Bros. Keller, Bridges and Olive). This equipment can very easily be used to furnish steam for a real canning center. We welcomed several members of the Vallejo and Martinez Wards to our prune harvest, also Bro. Phelps of the High Council.

A Fireman's Heroism Illustrates Gospel Story

A mother returned from the store and found her home all aflame and the firemen on the scene. With one hyserical cry, she rushed toward the door, crying: "My baby's in there". A husky fireman restrained the frantic woman, saying: "You can't go in there. I'll get your baby". He did, but a second after he had passed the baby to safety through a window, he was struck down by falling timbers within the doomed structure and lost his own life.

Years later in a cemetery a a woman who was laying a wreath on a grave was asked about her act of tribute to one not of her family. She was the rescued baby now grown to womanhood. The grave was that of the fireman to whom she owed her life. She replied: "this man gave his life that I might live". No moralizing regarding the similarity of this spirit of sacrifice and Jesus Christ's is necessary. It seems that the instinct of ready sacrifice which the Savior exemplified so perfectly in his voluntary death to save the whole race is an instinct not far from the surface in every other son and daughter of the same Father. Such circumstances as this fireman met so nobly are all that are needed to make even poor humans Saviors of men. The Lord did not step out of character when He became the Savior of the world.—Selected.

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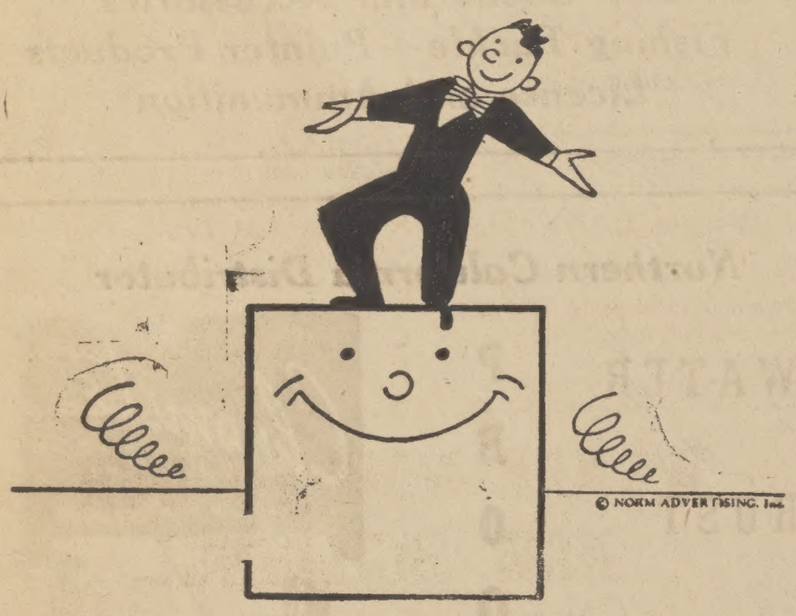

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Of What Use is Genealogy?

Briefly stated, genealogy is identification "by taxes, military duty, jury service, insurance companies, census and pension bureau, deeds and land grants. To learn where some were born is the main puzzle a Genealogist has to solve. Family feeling is increased with warmth and extent, and when our hearts are well stored with kinship love, we realize they must be welcome, with varied emotions to a wide circle of relationship to others.

Interest in history of church and state grows when we know what position our forefathers held and what works they wrought. These and historical facts will not escape us if they can be forced to minister to proper family pride.

—Minnie J. Fisher Ellsworth.

Dimond Ward News

We regret the death of Olin Lewis and extend our sympathy to his family.

Primary starts its winter classes Wednesday, September 11. It will be after school from 3:45 to 4:45. All children are invited.

The Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutuals are now fully organized. Ronnie Larsen will be secretary for the Y.L.M.I.A. and for the Y.M.M.I.A., Dee Smith; Superintendent; Ted Hilton and Lewis Shurtliff, Counsellors, and Al Donnelly, Secretary. We know that we will have a successful season and all of us will be backing the new officers. September 10 is opening for M. I. A. There will be dancing to Paul Lawes' orchestra, and refreshments. Class work starts Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 p. m. Everyone "Young and Old" is invited. Come and enjoy our mutual, help put it over the top.

Margaret Bennion gave an entertaining book report on "The Egg and I," Tuesday, August 13, at the Relief Society's last Work meeting. It was enjoyed by a record attendance and we thank her for her kindness. Tuesday, October 1, will be the opening party for Relief Society. The folowing Tuesdlay regular classes will begin for the winter and spring. All ladies are invited and urged to attend Relief Society regularly.

Our sincere best wishes to Nellie Wattel who has undergone an operation and is recovering satisfactorily.

The Ward will miss the Loe family which recently moved to Oregon. The whole family was active in Dimond Ward. We wish them luck and success in their new venture.

Senior Phelps and son Richard spent an enjoyable vacation in Idaho visiting friends and relatives.

Several of our young people will soon be off to the B. Y. U. We send our best wishes with: Winifred Phelps, Betty Clark, Rose Mary Scott, John Hilton and Pat Wright.

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What Really Causes Young People to Turn to Crime

"The real criminal type is the personality pattern familiar to anyone who has had much experience of court procedure; it is the psychopathic personality, says Dr. Lindner in "Stone Walls and Men."

Crime is a sickness of the soul at odds within itself and with its environment. The endoctrine state of the body may be a predisposant to crime—but it takes the social setting to provide the precipitant for the criminal act." This, he holds is as true for the entire Nazi and Facist ideology as for the Bundists, the Christian Front, the Klu Klux Klan, the Gerald L. K. Smiths; and as true for the gangster, as for the ruthless industrial exploiter and "Captain of Industry."

Hence our court rooms eventually must be run as diagnostic clinics." Actual criminals should be "treated" by individual analysis and psychotherapy, and discharged as patients when cured. The "unsalvageables" should be segregated and retained for study and research. They are a small group, yet with them really lies the only hope of ever solving crime and wiping it from the earth as the most malignant of all plagues."

This is a two-fisted book. The "inferior-feeling person" turns to violence and crime to try blindly to compensate for his miserable feelings. To jail him and do nothing more only turns him more bitter and determined. The first beatitude in the Sermon on the Mount is a reaching for these low-spirited ones, all of us, when inferiority-ridden, the "poor in spirit," a mental condition all men and women have to combat in some degree.

Catholic Schools Growing

"Half of the Catholic population of elementary and secondary school age attend parochial schools. There are twice as many full-time teachers in American Catholicism as parish priests (76,679 teachers; 28,451 priests). Catholics support and control 224 colleges and 246 seminaries. Need it be added that membership in the Roman Catholic Church increased seven per cent in the decade of 1926-1936, while the Northern Baptists gained only three per cent; Congregationalists lost two per cent; Disciples of Christ lost 13 per cent; Episcopalians lost five per cent; Methodists lost 15 per cent and Presbyterians lost five per cent. The Catholics constituted one per cent of our population in 1790; now the figure is 17 per cent.

—The Christian Century, January, 1946.

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Vallejo Ward News

An evening of fun and hilarity was had by the large crowd that attended the party honoring Joy Nielsen, who is serving as a missionary in the Eastern states mission. Skits were presented by the various organizations, after which dancing and refreshments climaxed the evening.

After a vacation trip through Oregon and Utah, Mr. and Mrs. Max Stephensen have returned to Vallejo to make their home. While in Salt Lake City they had the pleasure of going through the Temple.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tittenser are their daughter, Mrs. Douglas Storey and son Lynn of Ogden, Utah. Also Mrs. Tittenser's grandmother, Mrs. Martha Morris of Los Angeles.

Friends of Elbert E. Taylor will be interested to know that he is improving in health after being seriously ill.

To commemorate the arrival of the pioneers into Utah, the Vallejo Ward members gathered at Blue Rock Springs, July 27th for an afternoon of celebrating. Games, softball and sociability provided the entertainment after which the tables were laden with tempting things to eat and everyone enjoyed a program of pioneer stories and music.

Bishop and Mrs. E. Z. Taylor have had as their house guests their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Taylor and their two children of Los Angeles.

The Vallejo Ward members wish to compliment the Relief Society Ladies for their lovely display of Welfare sewing, shown Sunday, August 11. The ladies have worked diligently to prepare this project and were proud to deliver it to the Welfare house in Oakland.

Miss Dorothy Harris was the honored one at a birthday surprise party on her 20th birthday, given by her mother. Fifteen friends were entertained with movie pictures, and refreshments climaxed the evening.

Mrs. Alvin Snowball, who has been ill for the past few months, is recovering now and will soon be back with us again.

We wish to extend a welcome hand to Mr. and Mrs. John Kutterer, who have come from Pocatello, Idaho to reside in Vallejo and to be members of our Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mathews and two daughters have returned from an enjoyable vacation trip in Nevada.

Mr. George J. Walser left September 1 for the Mission home in Salt Lake. He will serve as a missionary in the North Central States Mission.

The Explorer Scouts and their chaperones had an enjoyable week end and Labor Day holiday in the upper Yosemite Valley. In a hike that took them five hours, the group proceeded from Camp Curry to the upper valley in a climb that was so difficult, that they were raised 2000 feet. They witnessed the accomplishment of the scaling of a mountain 2000 feet straight up, which has been tried for several years, but no one has ever succeeded in making the climb until now. Sunday morning in a picturesque setting, impressive Testimony services were held. Each person present bore his testimony. Proof of their varied experiences will be seen when they display the movie pictures that were taken.

A large audience enjoyed the lovely musical program presented by the "Singing Mothers" Sunday, August 25. The group is conducted by Mrs. Almeda Nielsen, and the accompanist is Mrs. Nola Hickersham. Soloists for the evening were Camille Rodrigo, Sarah Neerings and Erma Zundell.

Mr. Theral Nielsen who is on vacation from the University of Texas is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nielsen. The Nielsen's have another son, Von, who is at home after having been released from the Army. He will leave soon to attend the University at Provo, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lowry and the children enjoyed a recent vacation trip to Long Beach, California where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Whitmore, who were former members of the Vallejo Ward.

Mrs. Clarence Lewis and daughter Dora Fae, had a most enjoyable week end at Lake Tahoe. While there they were the guests of Mr. Tom Olsen.

We wish to congratulate those who were baptized in Oakland on August 31. They were Janice Lowry, Elaine Reed, Kay Stratford, Marla Miller, Margaret Lowe, and two adults included George W. Bailey and Gordon L. Judd.

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Lovers Waking From a Dream

Most youthful dreams don't come true, but we get along fairly well, anyway. Take mother's case, for instance. In happy girlhood she dreamed of marrying a bold, handsome knight, such as she read about in fairy stories, but it hasn't mattered so much that this dream was shattered. Of course father is a little careless about his personal appearance when at home. so he doesn't look like a knight clad in armor. But when mother sees herself in the mirror, she fears that she isn't a perfect picture of the fair princess she once read about, so she concludes that perhaps father's dreams didn't come true either. All in all, it is much better. A knight couldn't earn a living these days and a fairy princess couldn't begin to do mother's housework.—Claude Callan, Kansas City Times.—Oakland Tribune.

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